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FYI - You know DDCI and Deputy Secretary of Defense agreed to put DoD investigative efforts against the [] leak ahead of our AW inquiry.

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The [] investigation was a combination of use of the polygraph and straight investigation. I don't know how many people were interviewed but about 35 were boxed. Two of those showed indication of deception in the denial of culpability on two separate DoD polygraph interviews. One of these individuals, displeased with results of DoD polygraph, went to a commercial firm, paid for his own test, came up clean and brought the results back to DoD. DoD said that they would like to have the commercial polygraph charts to review and an exchange was set up for reviews by the DoD and commercial polygraph experts. After seeing the DoD results and relooking his own charts the commercial operator changed his report and said the subject was not telling the truth. Subsequent investigations delivered further incriminating evidence. Unfortunately neither suspect would admit leaking and evidence is thus considered entirely circumstantial.

The SecDef has been informed of the status of the investigation. He has directed rapid preparation of alternatives for administrative actions against the suspects. DoD legal and management people are doing this now. It is doubtful that any administrative actions will be publically acknowledged to be a consequence of the leak.

Nonetheless, the feeling in DoD is that this investigation rattled a lot of cages and combined with Judge Clark's widely publicized gag efforts, a salutary effect has been noted. George Wilson of the Washington Post has reportedly complained that his sources in the Pentagon have dried up and he is looking for new ones.

All of that is good for the Pentagon but the Intelligence Community needs a successful investigation. My assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the IC abilities to mount a strong defense against leaks and resolve those that happen can be the subject of a separate meeting. I'd like to set out my ideas for you and get your reaction. Could we set some time aside to do that - how about 23 February? We can have our own Mardi Gras. I'll bring along [] Chairman of our Subcommittee on leaks.

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